

Earl of Lathom No 2560

Minutes of 1.133rd Lodge meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at the Masonic Hall Parsons Lane, Bury, BL9 5QL.

MEMBERS		GUESTS
WM	Br AG Bradshaw	Nil
IPM	WBro A Wilson	
SW	Bro H Wood	
JW	Bro S Browning	
Chap	Br o C Taylor	
Treas		
A/Sec	WBro Lt Col (Ret'd) D G Hilton <i>TD</i>	
A/DC	WBro R Sykes	
Almoner		
Ch Stwd	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>	
Mentor	WBro RA Sykes	
SD	Bro C Boardman	
JD	Bro AE Bryan	
ADC		
Asst Treas	Bro C Boardman	
Org	WBro Lt Col(Ret'd) D G Hilton <i>TD</i>	
IG	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>	
Stwds	Bros MA O'Neill, J Sanderson, J Thomas, P Winnington,	
A/Tyler	Bro C Lomax	

Members: WBro P Mountford, WBros TW Hankins, WBro CO Eccles, MS Pryce

The Lodge tyled at 6.32pm

It was opened by the WM in due form and solemn prayer.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on 1st September 2021, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and the WM and Wardens signed them off as a true and correct record.

The WM then announced that, no other nominations having been made, Bro Harvey Wood was declared Master Elect for the ensuing year. WBro C O Eccles was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On a show of hands WBro P Juniper was declared Tyler for the ensuing year.

The election of the St Johns Committee, Inventory Committee, Auditors for the ensuing year was deferred together with a representative to serve on the District Committee.

The WM then announced the Passing due for Bros Gareth Roose Williams: initiated 2nd October 2019 And the Raisings due for Bro Peter Mathew Taylor and Bro Christopher Andrew Taylor, both passed on the 8th January 2020. The ceremonies to be deferred.

The WM then announced that the Passing ceremony of Bro Mathew Anthony O'Neill would now take place.

Accompanied by the Senior Deacon Bro O'Neill was accompanied to the Masters chair where he proceeded to answer the necessary questions correctly. He was then escorted from the Lodge.

At this point the WM relinquished the Chair in favour of WBro Arthur Wilson who continued throughout the remaining part of the ceremony.

Following an alarm, Bro O'Neill was re-admitted in due and ancient form. The ceremony continued

through its various phases to the point where on the instruction of the WM Bro O'Neill was invested with the apron of a fellowcraft Freemason.

The address in the south-east corner was given by Bro C Wilkinson followed by an explanation of the working tools by WBro T Hankins.

The charge in the second degree was then given by WBro D Kyme following which the candidate Bro O'Neill was permitted to retire from the Lodge in order to restore himself to his personal comforts. The explanation of the tracing board was deferred to another occasion.

The WM then restored the Lodge to the 1st Degree.

A report was then received from the Charity Steward Br G Johnson who spoke about the success of the 'Masonic Football' scheme.

There was no report from the Association.

At the 1st Rising the Acting Secretary stated that he had nothing to report from United Grand Lodge.

At the 2nd Rising the Acting Secretary reported that a provincial circular had been received from Provincial Grand Lodge detailing the 2026 Festival. This would be distributed to all Lodge members.

At the 3rd Rising the Acting Secretary reported that all relevant correspondence had been distributed to members during the course of the last month. Just prior to the commencement of the meeting the Acting Secretary reported that he had received a communication from the Secretary WBro Ashton wishing the Lodge a successful meeting and second degree ceremony and sending his best wishes to Bro O'Neill.

Apologies for absence had been received from the following Brethren, C Halliday, T Sinkinson. PM Taylor, P Juniper, J Sanderson, S Fentham, M Ashton, K Embrey
No apologies had been received from: D Fentham, J Pepperday, G Williams, M Sutton, R Smith

The Charity bag raised the sum of
There being no further business the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 8.04pm

Signed



WBro David G Hilton TD PProvAGDC, Acting Secretary

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WM

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SW

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